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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Responsive to a telephone interview with the Examiner, in which the Examiner required an election of species between the Group I species containing in claims 1-4 and the Group II species containing claims 5 and 6, Applicants respond as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 5 as follows:

a1  
1. (Amended) The electric power steering apparatus of claim 7, wherein  
the biasing member biases said worm shaft deflectable toward said worm wheel,  
in a deflective direction of said worm shaft.

a2  
5. (Amended) The electric power steering apparatus of claim 7, wherein  
the biasing member biases said worm wheel deflectable toward said worm shaft,  
in a deflective direction of said worm wheel.



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- ☐ The enclosed document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.
- ☐ Petition for \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$0.00 is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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